

INCOME MOVEMENT

Florida Grassroots Organizers Demand Child Tax Credit Extension at Senate Offices

*Activists Deliver 3.8 Million Grains of Rice Representing FL Kids Who Will Lose Out On the
CTC Due to Congressional Inaction*

February 3, 2022 – On Thursday, grassroots organizers in Jacksonville, FL delivered 132 pounds of rice to the office of Senators Marco Rubio to demand that the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) be extended. These bags of rice contained approximately 3,833,000 grains of rice, representing the [number of children who will lose out on the CTC in Florida](#) due to Congress's failure to extend this policy.

Almost 4 million children in Florida have been losing out on this policy since it expired in January 2022. If Build Back Better isn't enacted, the maximum credit per child would fall by \$1,000 for school-age children and \$1,600 for young children. All families now getting the expanded Child Tax Credit would lose out, but **the cut would be largest for low-income children**. A mother with two children, one a toddler and one in elementary school, who works full-time at the federal minimum wage is currently receiving \$6,600 in the Child Tax Credit. Without enactment of Build Back Better, that credit amount would fall by \$4,800, to just \$1,800.

Parents have been depending on the CTC checks for their efficiency and flexibility in determining how to meet their family's unique needs as the economic toll of the pandemic wears on. Many are devastated that these payments have come to a halt: "People should not have to crowdfund for the basic needs of their families," said Jennifer, a mother of two from North Carolina who spent her first CTC payments to cover a medical appointment for her special-needs son.

Grassroots organizers participating in this action included Ben Frazier, a long-time civil rights activist and the president and founder of the [Northside Coalition of Jacksonville](#), Carrie Anne Templeton, a single mom and basic income activist, and Erica Wright, a local organizer for Income Movement.

About [Income Movement](#): Income Movement is a people-powered movement bringing together grassroots activists, organizers, and partner organizations working to make basic income a reality.

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